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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jean W. Désir

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/27/05, RCE.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Reynolds et al (US 6,799,327).

Claim 1:

Reynolds discloses:

“an initial real time, predetermined video advertisement segment (see Figs. 3, 5, 6) deliverable over the broadcast interactive television medium (see Fig. 1 items 52, 54), the initial video advertisement segment having a plurality of selectable zones (see items 62, 64, 142, 162, 164, 242 of Figs. 3, 5, 6, col. 6 lines 59-61), each selectable zone representing an area defining a portion of a video display (the selectable zones 62, 64, 142, 162, 164, 242 represent an area of a video display 60, 61 as claimed) receiving the broadcast interactive television medium which a viewer watching the video display may select by operation of an interactive mechanism (items 54, 52 of Fig. 1, col. 7 lines 17-21) operably connected to the video display”;

“and a plurality of selectable, predetermined video advertisement segments (see Figs. 3, 5, 6), each selectable video advertisement segment corresponding to one of the plurality of selectable zones (see items 62, 64, 142, 162, 164, 242 of Figs. 3, 5, 6, col. 6 lines 59-61) and selectively delivered to the viewer on the video display (col. 5 lines 32-34, col. 6 lines 30-31) in direct response to selection by the viewer of that zone, and wherein at least one of the selectable zones corresponds to a plurality of selectable (col. 2 line 63 to col. 3 line 1), predetermined video advertisement segments that present parts of a storyline.”

Claim 2 is disclosed, see col. 2 lines 63-65.

Claim 3 is disclosed, see col. 10 lines 31-37.

Claim 4 is disclosed, see col. 2 line 63 to col. 3 line 1.

Claims 5, 6 are disclosed, see Figs. 6, 9, 10, where picture-in-picture windows are presented as claimed.

Claims 7, 8 are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are moot in view of new ground of rejection necessitated by the amendment.

Conclusion

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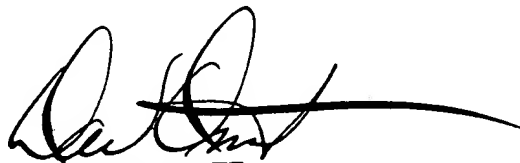
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean W. Désir whose telephone number is (571) 272 7344. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 - First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Ometz can be reached on (571) 272 7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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JWD

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ometz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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